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1. The airfield is at the southwestern edge of Roşiori-de-Vede, between the road and railroad running to Turnu-Măgurele and the road and railroad running to Caracal. It is 3,600 by 2,000 m. On the west it is bordered by a brook, on the north by the Mihăeşti-Caracal road and railroad. On the south it is bordered by the Urluiu brook and the first houses of the village of Troian.
2. The southern part of the field is canalized for drainage. Large quantities of river gravel have been rolled into the field to improve drainage. There are no obstacles. The prevailing wind is from the northwest.
3. Work is still in progress at the field. Three barracks have been built, plus two other buildings which house the ground personnel, the radio and weather station and the command. Two two-story barracks, each 25 by 50 m, are under construction. Two hangars, each 40 by 65 m, are also being built. Other hangar construction is still in its beginning stages. The construction is in the hands of an engineer staff, but the workers are civilians.
4. The direction finder is in operation, with Soviet personnel. There is no radar station as yet, but it is likely that one of the new structures will have one. There are six underground gasoline tanks, separated from each other by high earth dikes. Gasoline comes to the field in tank trucks, and there are underground pipes from the tanks to the hangars. It is planned that another underground pipeline shall be built to the nearest station. Oil is stored in a wooden building.

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5. A temporary narrow gauge railroad brings building material to the field. There is no other direct rail connection, but one is in the planning stage.
6. Near the radio station are three towers, one 40 m high, the other two 20 m high. The radio station went into full operation in August 1953, with material from the USSR.
7. The runway is 3,000 by 80 m, running from southeast to northwest, and consists of foundations 80 cm thick, with a coating of 40 cm of concrete. Along the sides of the runway are red signal lamps 100 m apart, and at each end is a powerful reflector. Work has begun on the construction of a taxi strip.
8. The field is used by the Rumanian Air Force. A fighter squadron with about 160 men all told is now stationed there. They wear blue shoulder boards and insignia. They live in the town and come to the field daily in buses. The unit has been stationed at the field since May 1953. 25X1
9. Planes at the field include six MIG-15s, six YAKs and 9 Messerschmidt fighters, which came from the airplane factory at Brasov. 25X1
10. At the field there is also a ground unit of 110 to 115 men. The auto park at the field consists of one crash car, 7 passenger cars, 2 buses for 25 persons each, 1 bus for 40 persons, 3 tank trucks and 4 trucks.

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